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**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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<b>Appl. No.</b>	:	10/560,289	<b>Confirmation No.</b>	:	3187
<b>Applicant</b>	:	Benkowski, R.J.	<b>Assignee</b>	:	MicroMed Technology, Inc.
<b>Filed</b>	:	May 26, 2006	<b>Title</b>	:	Method and System for Physiologic Control of a Blood Pump
<b>TC/A.U.</b>	:	3762			
<b>Examiner</b>	:	Narayanaswamy, S.			
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING AN RCE**

Sir:

Reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested in light of the arguments and amendments presented herein.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2.

Assignee's **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.